SPORTS

By Billy Conner

DOUBLES TOURNAMENTS FOR FRCC NETTERS

Get out your tennis rackets and tennis togs, FRCC members! July 17-18 is the first annual Falling River Country Club ladies' and men's doubles tennis tournaments for members 16 and over. Get a partner and sign up at the Club House immediately.

Registration is $4.00 per team and is cut off at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 15. Pairings and time of play will be posted at the Club House on Friday morning, July 16.

Bring your own rackets, balls, lawn chairs and coolers. Courts will be closed to all non-participants on both days until completion of the tournament.

BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Joyce Maddra	July 5
Mr. Harry Belcher	July 8
Mrs. Ned Stanley	July 8
Mrs. Mildred Hipps	July 5
Mrs. Shirley Ferguson	July 13
Mrs. Betty Sue Watson	July 16

Tennis Lessons Offered At F.R.C.C.

Tennis lessons will be offered at Falling River Country Club to members July 12 through July 23. The fee for ten one-hour lessons will be $15.00. There will be one session for beginners and one session for more advanced players. Sessions will run from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Those interested may sign up in the Pro Shop at the club or contact "Plicky" Williams, phone 352-8104.

FRCC PLANS TENNIS TOURNEY FOR MEMBERS 15 AND UNDER

Boys and girls, age 15 and under - watch for Falling River Country Club Junior tennis singles tournament on August 12 - 13.

Details will be available at a later time.

Junior Golf Tournament Held at FRCC

Winners in the Junior Golf Tournament held on Wednesday of last week are shown in the photo above. Taking first place in the First Flight of the 18-hole event was Richard Guill, on the left above, and from the left winners were David Ferguson, second place in First Flight; Todd Matthews, second place in the Second Flight; R. L. Harris, second place in the Championship Flight; James Beaty, first place in the Second Flight; and Ronnie Robinson, first place winner in the Championship Flight. A number of boys turned out for this annual event. Winners in each of the flights received trophies, compliments of Falling River Country Club.

MISS APPOMATTOX DIXIE YOUTH CROWNED

Sharan Marie Archer, representative of the Yankees Little League team was crowned "Miss Appomattox Dixie Youth" in ceremonies held Friday night at the Woodmen of the World ball field.

Left to right in the photo above are: Steve Poole, escort; Tina Long, First Runner-up in the contest, representing the Giants team; Keith Mann, escort; Sharan Archer, "Miss Appomattox Dixie Youth" queen; and Fred Weakley, President of the Appomattox Youth Association.

Proceeds from the contest will be used to purchase needed equipment for the Appomattox Youth Association.

Sharan will represent Appomattox County in State Tournament in July.

photo by Robert E. Pankey

1976 DIXIE YOUTH MINOR LEAGUE ALL STARS were chosen June 26, 1976. The All-Star team, shown above, is made up of the following players: front row, from the left, Emory Woods, Jr., Phillip Bollinger, Tony Mann, Michael Ferguson, and Robert Harris, Jr.: second row, from left, Malcolm Miller, Scott Almond, Ronald Kelso, Paul Johnson, Terry McCoy and Gary Ferguson; and on the back row, left to right, Don Almond, coach; Mike Smith, Jay Chenault, Timothy Almond, Keith McCormick, Randy Phelps, and Nelson Mann, coach.

17th ANNIVERSARY OF HOLINESS GOSPEL SINGERS

"And they sung as it were a new song before the throne and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and fourty-four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth, Rev. 14:3.

The 17th anniversary of the Holiness Singers were a great success. The anniversary was held at White Oak Grove Baptist Church, June 27, at 7.

The group thanked each and everyone for coming out to make the program a great success. An overflow crowd attended. The M.C. was Rev. Curtis Elliott of Spout Spring. Opening Song, "Pass Me Not"; Scripture Reading, Mrs. Minerva Venable; Prayer, Deacon James Moore. Another song, "Blessed Quitness". Welcome address, Mrs. Alice Moore; Introduction of M.C., Bro. Freddie Munford; Guest groups - Star Light, Heavenly Gospel, Silvertone Gospel Singers, Clouds of Joy, Golden Trumpeters, Gospel Crowns, Gospel Quintet and the Jordanaires.

Everyone enjoyed the anniversary, although the weather was hot.

Mrs. Bertha King, Mrs. Shirley Wheeler, Mrs. Earleen Janes, Mrs. Linda Watkins, Miss Ann Wiley and Mrs. Annie Mae Randolph gave the cake to the Holiness Singers. A love gift of money was given by Mrs. Lessie Thompson.

Mrs. Catherine Haskins and her group thanked each and everyone for coming out to make their anniversary a great success.

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A LIVELY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT HISTORIC APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

News bulletin. Brought in my first cucumber of the year from my modest garden. Tomatoes are on the way, but need another week yet.

At long last, I have heard the Rocks Quartet sing. Ah yes, this talented group has been performing for some eleven years and entertained at hundreds of occasions but somehow I had missed being at the right spot at the right time. This week end they sang at a picnic given by Mr. and Mrs. Crawford L. Davidson and Brightleaf and I were among the guests. Tommy Ranson, Sam Dickerson, Lloyd Richardson and Aulden Roach are the singers, and James Paulette accompanies on the piano. First there was a wonderful picnic dinner served on the spacious lawn, and I aimed to eat some of everything. One of the guests, Mrs. Rachel Lawson, was accompanied by one of her RMWC college classmates, Mrs. Alma Arps Shaw, of Vinestown, N.J Turned out that Mrs. Shaw had traveled extensively and, heavens to Betsy found out that we had graduated one year apart from the same high school, Woodrow Wilson, Portsmouth, Va. Small world. The quartet features gospel songs, and sang "Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Without Him I Could Do Nothing, When I Wake Up Sleep No More, Life's Evening Sun, Search Me O God, One Day at a Time, and as a salute to the Bicentennial for a grand finale concluded with a patriotic number. So, thanks a million for this opportunity, and a verse of No. 88 for the quartet, the Davidsons and so many friends.

Cute . . . overheard a small child on a tricycle tell her companion, "Let's ride to California!" And the reply came back, "California Here I Come."

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Knowing my interest in the fabulous story of the Wreck of Old 97 and the famous song bearing that name, my friend Dr. W. P. Geisler loaned me a booklet on the subject, and it made for interesting reading. I have a record of the song, but it has been played so many times it is over the hill. The booklet was printed in Englewood, N.J., for the Monroe, Va. Home Demonstration Club, 1961. It is a History of Monroe, Va. and it was from this fine town and its railroad yards that Old 97 resumed its ill-fated run. Running late, the engineer on No. 97 vowed to make up time and arrive in Spencer, N.C. on time. The train was due in Danville at 1:40 p.m. and so faithful was it to its schedule local people set their watches as the train passed through. The thrilling details of the wreck as it approached Danville is a legend. Some claimed Old 97 was the fastest train in the world. Joseph A. Boady was engineer. Nicknamed Steve. He and ten others were killed in the wreck. He is buried in Saltville, Va. One of those killed was a teen-age boy who boarded the train and did not have a chance to get off before the train pulled out. Seventeen year old Wentworth Armistead, of Lynchburg. Oh surely, you know the words to the famous, ending with the sentimental lines,

"Now come on you ladies you must take warning.
From this time now and on;
Never speak harsh words to your true loving husband,
He may leave you and never return;

There is some uncertainty as to who wrote the song. Generally it it is accredited to David Graves George. Anyway, thanks to Dr. Geisler for letting me read this booklet.

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And thanks to you, gentle readers. Seeya next week.

Ben Franklin, Annie Oakley, Abe Lincoln, and Mark Twain are amazed at what they find when they "Come Back For A Little Look Around" at the United States in 1976. A special Bicentennial national touring presentation of the National Park Service, "We've Come Back For A Little Look Around" will be presented free to the public July 18th with performances at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and at 5 p.m. at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

Two Bicentennial Events Planned For July 17 - July 18

Two Bicentennial Events are planned for July 17 and July 18 in Appomattox County, sponsored by the Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission and the National Park Service.

The United States Navy Band will perform in Appomattox on Saturday, July 17, 1976 at the Appomattox County High School auditorium at 8 p.m.

The performance is free and the public is invited to attend. The United States Navy Band officially came into existance on March 4, 1925, and has progressed far beyond the dreams of pioneers in Navy band music and has certainly exceeded the expectations of the 68th Congress and those musicians of the first official band who had earlier marched in President Calvin Coolidge's inaugural parade on March 4, 1925.

BEN FRANKLIN AND OTHER AMERICAN GREATS from the past will come to Appomattox Court House National Historical Park in a special program on July 18, 1976. There will be three performances of "We've Come Back For A Little Look Around".

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State Beekeepers To Meet Here July 24th

The Virginia State Beekeepers Association will hold its summer picnic meeting at the Woodmen of the World hall in Appomattox on Saturday, July 24, 1976.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting being called to order by President Gilbert E. Mays.

Following the business meeting lunch will be served - picnic basket - at noon.

The afternoon session will include demonstration of equipment, honey show and contests.

Hearings Expected on Communications Reform Act

Congressional hearings are expected in late September on the Consumer Communications Reform Act - - a bill aimed to keeping rates for basic residential and small business service as low as possible.

Almost 150 members of Congress have joined in as co-sponsors of versions of the bill, according to Stuart Vincent, District Commercial Manager of Continental Telephone of Virginia.

Among those from Virginia who have introduced or co-sponsored this legislation are Representatives, Daniel, Satterfield, Downing and Wampler.

"The widespread support in Congress, as well as from consumer groups, labor unions and farm organizations, is a clear message to the federal regulators in Washington: Stop experimenting with the world's best telephone system, especially when the experiments will lead to much higher basic rates", Vienent said.

"These federal policies will cause rate increases up to 60 per cent for residential and small business service, according to an 18-month study done for the U.S. Independent Telephone Association by Systems Applications Inc., a prestigious telecommunications research firm in San Rafael, California", Vincent said.

"The Communications Act of 1934 called on the telephone companies to develop low cost telephone service to reach everyone," according to Vincent.

"We have carried out our Congressional mandate, and 95 per cent of American homes now have telephone service. This nearly universal service was made possible by rate

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Oppose Proposed State Takeover of Local Criminal Justice

Supervisors Approve Secondary Road Budget

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, meeting Friday, approved a secondary road budget of $811,000 from T. E. Pittman, resident highway engineer. The road-funding allocation represents an approximate increase of 11 per cent over last year.

Funds for improvement of secondary roads total $811,000 of the total budget. Replacement of a bridge at Spout Spring over the Norfolk and Western Railway tracks on Route 647 will account for $227,000 of the improvements category.

Pittman noted that some funds left over from the past fiscal year also would be available for improvements this year.

In other business the Board voted to write Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., opposing a state Deptment of Justice and Crime Prevention plan to increase its administrative power over local criminal justice plans.

A proposed state takeover of local criminal justice planning activities was opposed by the entire three-man board. The state wants to take criminal justice planners away from individual planning districts and create consolidated, state administered, criminal justice planning regions.

The Central Virginia Criminal Justice Advisory Committee also opposes the new plan.

Terrell Griffin, area law enforcement planner, described the difference of opinions over the plan as a "power struggle". He said if the criminal justice planning activities had been under such jurisdiction previously, such cooperative agreements as the Regional Investigation Squad would not have been arranged. The planners would have no contact with local governments under the new proposal.

Roland Murphy, Appomattox director of court services, added that the number of planning positons throughout the state would not be reduced, but lumped together.

Voting to oppose the plan, Dr. S. R. Lawson, Chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, said, "I can't see any reason for it. Some of the reasons seem real absurd".

According to a Central Virginia Planning District Commission memo, eight reasons for the state takeover have been listed by the Department of Justic and Crime Prevention. The memo refutes each reason listed by Bruce Brennan, director of planning for the state department.

If adopted, the reorganization would take effect October 1. The CVPDC is scheduled to discuss the plan during its July meeting on the 22nd.

Vehicle License Tag Ordinance Adopted - At the Friday meeting the Board of Supervisors voted to amend the County Motor Vehicle Ordinance, the first paragraph will now read: Every motor vehicle with a current Virginia State License whether being operated on the street, highways or roads within the County of Appomattox in the business of or for the private use or benefit of the owner or whether parked within the County of Appomattox shall be subject to a license tax as provided in this article. Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the payment of a license tax on vehicles exclusively employed in transporting fuel, agricultural products, provisions, manure

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Bloodmobile Visit Set Tuesday

When the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its first visit of the fiscal year to Appomattox on Tuesday, July 20, Carolyn Dickerson, Doug Webb, Sarah Vaughan, and Bill Hunter, left to right above, will be on hand to donate yet another unit of their blood. These donors urge you to come out and help make this visit 100% of the quota set at 102 units of blood.

The Bloodmobile will set up at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m. on July 20.

The W.M.U. Ladies of ruesey Springs Baptist Church will be in charge of the canteen for this visit. A nursery will be provided for children of donors and 17 year olds are encouraged to donate blood with parental consent.

A total of 510 units of blood is the quota for Appomatox County for the new fiscal year and 102 units will be needed at each of the five scheduled visits. According to Mrs. Lucy Harvey, Assistant for the Blood Program in our county, we need to meet the quota each visit so that we will not get behind. It is very hard to "catch-up" if we start out short of the quota.

Be a blood donor, plan now to make the Tuesday visit and let's start the new fiscal year out right by being 100%.

Council Offers Acceptable Proposal To Jamerson-King Realty

Agreement Reached On Court Street Project

Some months ago the Town of Appomattox filed petition in the Circuit Court of Appomattox County for the purpose of condemning a small portion of the parcel of land in front of the building now occupied by Westvaco in the Town of Appomattox owned by Jamerson and King Realty Corporation necessary for the improvement and construction of Court Street.

After negotiations proved fruitless between the parties, suit was filed by the Town of Appomattox seeking to condemn the parcel pursuant to the Virginia Statute.

The controversy over curbing, lack of pull-in parking, lingered as a possible damage suit by Jamerson and King against the Town of Appomattox.

It was subsequently discovered that the survey conducted by the Virginia Department of Highways was in error, therefore, even though acting in good faith, the Town of Appomattox was also in error, and in fact the Town did not need to condemn or to take any land owned by Jamerson and King Realty Corporation, according to information learned at the Monday night meeting of the Appomattox Town Council.

Based on the survey made by the Virginia Department of Highways and information from meetings of the Appomattox Town Council, this newspaper, **The Times-Virginian**, printed a story in the issue dated February 12, 1976 headed "One Parcel Holds Up Court Street Project".

The **Times-Virginian**, along with the Town of Appomattox, regrets any and all personal embarrassment the story may have caused W. E. Jamerson, President of Jamerson and King Realty Corporation, and any embarrassment to the corporation itself.

At the Monday night meeting of the Appomattox Town Council, an agreement with the Town of Appomattox was reached, with the Town agreeing to give Jamerson and King an entrance 40 feet in width from Court Street to the Jamerson and King property. The Town of Appomattox also agreed that Jamerson and King Realty Corporation shall have permanent right to pull-in, off-street parking on the parking area adjacent to Court Street and agreed not to permit any parallel parking on the street adjacent to the Jamerson and King property and not to do anything that would interfere with pull-in parking on this area. The Town of Appomattox, in view of the fact that they initiated suit, are legally required to pay Jamerson and King Realty Corporation for all legal fees and expenses incurred in connection with this action. Pavement and markings will be restored to their condition before the commencement of any construction.

Jamerson and King Realty Corporation and the Town of Appomattox are pleased that any and all misunderstandings are resolved and that the facts are being made public.

Council approved payment of bills incurred and authorized W. S. Kerr, attorney for the Town of Appomattox, to enter an agreement and to enter order to dismiss case from the court docket.

M. J. House, Jr., Ronald Spiggle, T. E. Conner, and Burke Guill, the four council members present, were duly sworn into office for the two-year term effective July 1, 1976 by Mayor H. B. Pack. Ronald Spiggle was elected Vice-Mayor of the Appomattox Town Council.

Roland Murphy, Appomattox County representative to the Criminal Justice Committee, appeared before council to request that they write a letter to Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. in opposition to the proposed revision of the Criminal Justice Planning Activities. The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors have opposed the revision. The state wants to take criminal justice planners away from individual planning districts and create consolidated, state administered, criminal justice planning regions.

Council went on record as being in opposition to the so-called "state takeover" and agreed to write letter of opposition to Governor Godwin.

In other business, Miss Claudia Gordon of the Junior Woman's Club of Appomattox was present to give council an updated report on the annual Railroad Day Festival that will be held here October 16 and 17. Council told Miss Gordon that they could expect 100% cooperation from the Town of Appomattox.

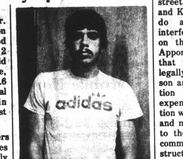
The Appomattox County School Board met on Thursday night, July 8 and re-organized for the 1976-77 session. Pictured above, left to right, are Dr. A. A. Fratrick, Chairman; Mrs. Ruth Webb, Vice-Chairman; J. Berkley Drinkard; and Robert G. Stewart, new member of the Board.

Ferguson To Participate In National Junior Olympic Meet

Richard Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Murrell Ferguson of Appomattox, finished second in the mile run at the Region 2 Junior Olympic Track and Field Meet Saturday in Catonsville, Maryland with a time of 4:29.6 and qualified for the National Junior Olympic Meet in Memphis, Tennessee August 22.

Approximately 25 runners from the Middle Atlantic States entered the mile run and only the top two advanced to National Competition. Ferguson's time was six seconds off the winning time of 4:23.

To reach the Regionals, Richard placed first in the Lynchburg Area AAU Event, and second in the State AAU Meet in Richmond on June 26.



Richard Ferguson

VA. FARMERS URGED TO EXCLUDE LIVESTOCK FROM PONDS AND STREAMS

Soil Conservation Service employees are urging farmers in Virginia to control livestock access to ponds and streams.

David N. Grimwood, State Conversationist, says, "Allowing livestock to wade in ponds and streams often results in contamination of the water. This, in turn, affects livestock health, results in damage to the pond or stream, produces an unsightly situation that is aesthetically unpleasing, and affects the quality of water for fish and other purposes. Livestock trampling of streambanks results in erosion and causes downstream sedimentation. The grazing of streambanks damages or eliminates shrub and tree growth which is necessary for shade and the maintenance of desired water temperatures." Every winter, farmers lose livestock by drowning in farm ponds. Stock walk out onto the ice until the ice breaks through and plunges them into the icy deep. Sometimes a whole herd is lost.

It is possible to use water from the ponds and streams without letting livestock graze and wade into them. Soil Conservation Service personnel can help you select alternative methods. And, if full protection of the water source cannot be provided, they can recommend and help you plan for other solutions. For example, access ramps with fencing will lessen these problems.

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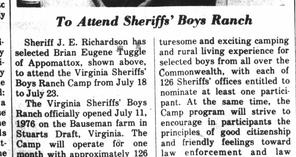

To Attend Sheriffs' Boys Ranch

Sheriff J. E. Richardson has selected Brian Eugene Tuggle of Appomattox, shown above, to attend the Virginia Sheriffs' Boys Ranch Camp from July 18 to July 23.

The Virginia Sheriffs' Boys Ranch officially opened July 11, 1976 on the Bauseman farm in Stuarts Draft, Virginia. The Camp will operate for one month with approximately 126 deserving youngsters from all over the state attending the four six-day sessions.

Mr. Walter Akers, Assistant Director of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, will serve as Camp Director and the staff will be primarily composed of volunteer Deputy Sheriffs who have special training in recreation and youth work. The Camp will provide an adventuresome and exciting camping and rural living experience for selected boys from all over the Commonwealth, with each of 126 Sheriffs' offices entitled to nominate at least one participant. At the same time, the Camp program will strive to encourage in participants the principles of good citizenship and friendly feelings toward law enforcement and law enforcement personnel.

The sheriffs recognize that an investment in today's youth is an investment in the future - its leadership, productivity, and humanity.

The Virginia Sheriffs' Boys Ranch is made possible through the contributions of honorary members, concerned citizens, and the sheriffs' offices throughout Virginia.